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# From the Staff ...

**Major Michael A. Turner**  
**Support Services Bureau**



A question often asked of Patrol employees is, “What do you like best about your job?” Each of us would likely answer this question differently, depending on specific job function and level of experience in the agency.

Early in my career the answer would have been the excitement of learning a new position and each day promising a new and unique challenge. Ironically, in my new position, this answer remains applicable today. As Patrol employees, all of us are presented with new and unique challenges constantly, regardless of our job function and level of experience.

Although our Mission, “to serve and protect all people by enforcing laws and providing services to ensure a safe and secure environment,” remains constant, the methods we as an agency utilize to accomplish our mission are constantly evolving.

What also remains constant is that our success in achieving our mission falls on the shoulders of **all** our employees. As a road trooper, I did not fully comprehend the breadth of our agency, or the many simultaneous processes that must occur for enforcement personnel to do their jobs. Many of these processes are the direct result of the hard work of employees I did not know, see, or with whom I did not work directly.

Serving in an administrative capacity the last several years has given me the opportunity to work with many of our uniformed civilian and civilian employees. It was immediately apparent that many of the successes we enjoy as an agency are possible due to the dedication and hard work of our uniformed civilian and civilian employees. Their commitment is an integral part to the success of our agency, and their value cannot be overstated.

Regardless of our role in the agency, we who are drawn to public service do so to make a difference. This opportunity has allowed me to work alongside the extraordinary ladies and gentlemen that make up this agency. *That* is the best part of my job.

*Michael Turner*



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## Social Media Snapshot



This year's special holiday post was a new version of the "12 Days of Christmas" carol. The video proved quite popular with over 60,000 views and a reach of 165,000 people.

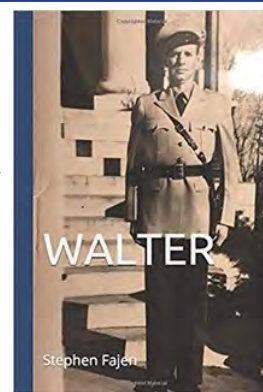
"On the 12 Days of Christmas, the Patrol gave to thee ...

- ♪ 12 Recruits a-swimming
- ♪ 11 Criminalists testing
- ♪ 10 Lights a-gleaming
- ♪ 9 Mechanics working
- ♪ 8 Communicators
- ♪ 7 Vehicle inspectors
- ♪ 6 Troopers shopping
- ♪ 5 Of our fleet
- ♪ 4 Color guard
- ♪ 3 Examiners
- ♪ 2 boats gliding

and the Grinch taken down by K9 Rony!"

### On The Shelf ...

Mr. Stephen Fajen has written about our very own retired Lieutenant Walter L. Wilson (1909-2010)! The booklet tells the story of Walter's life, from growing up in Sedalia through his career as a trooper from 1942 to 1969, to his death one day shy of his 101st birthday. Putting together this publication was a labor of love and respect for a remarkable man. It is available for \$5 on Amazon.com under the author's name.



## Cover

The Superintendent's Award was presented to Tpr. Olivia G. Imhoff by Col. Eric Olson (l) and DPS Director Sandra Karsten (r). (insert) Tpr. Eric M. Clark II (center) earned the physical fitness award, which was presented by Col. Eric Olson and DPS Director Sandra Karsten.

# Flood Waters Impact Aircraft Division

By Sgt. Jeff G. Noack, Q/AD

On May 21, 2019, the National Weather Service provided a forecast that directly impacted the Patrol's Aircraft Division. The NWS indicated the Missouri River at Jefferson City would crest at 32.7 feet on the evening of May 23, 2019, nearly three feet higher than the levee system protecting the Jefferson City airport. Aircraft Division personnel began working to evacuate the contents of the Patrol hangar. This challenging mission involved moving all Patrol aircraft, maintenance support, and lower level office equipment. To achieve this enormous job in only a day and a half, assistance was provided by several divisions within the Highway Patrol and Office of Administration.

Missouri Department of Corrections personnel were contacted and provided access to semi-tractor trailers, which were loaded and then driven to the Missouri State Emergency Management (SEMA) warehouse in Jefferson City for storage. Materials or equipment not loaded into trailers was moved to the second floor of the hangar. Aircraft were relocated to the Columbia Regional Airport for all flight operations. Temporary office space for Aircraft Division personnel was secured at the SEMA warehouse training conference room.

On May 24, 2019, water from the river began to invade the Jefferson City airport property. The following



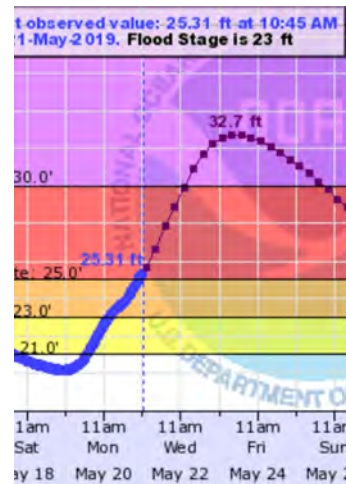
*Aircraft Division personnel catch a ride with Tpr. Steven J. Washabaugh, Troop F, on June 4, 2019, to visit the Patrol hangar.*

day, both runways were covered and almost two feet of river water stood in the Patrol hangar. The river at Jefferson City remained high for the next several weeks and crested on June 5, 2019, at a height of 33.4 feet, resulting in approximately four feet of water in the Patrol hangar.

By June 19, 2019, the river level had receded enough to allow division personnel to investigate the damage caused by the nearly month-long flood and found it was understandably widespread. Mud and river debris plagued the entire airport, severely impacting the airport surface areas, buildings, lighting, navigation systems, and control tower. The airport did not completely reopen until July 10, 2019.

After extensive cleanup of the Patrol hangar, and the return of Patrol aircraft, normal

flight operations and maintenance resumed from the Jefferson City airport. Office areas were not serviceable, however, due to flood damage. As of December 2019, office space for division pilots and support personnel remain at the SEMA warehouse until hangar repairs can be fully completed.



*A screen shot of the National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic web page shows the river level forecast on May 21, 2019, for Jefferson City.*



*At the height of the flooding, nearly five feet of water stood in the abandoned Patrol hangar.*



*The flood damaged Patrol hangar is pictured on June 19, 2019.*



# DPS Honors Comm. Oper. Abigail Howard

*By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H*

"In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." On August 2, 2019, Communications Operator II Abigail L. Howard, Troop H, not only did the right thing, she saved a life.

On August 2, 2019, after working her overnight shift at Troop H Headquarters, Comm. Oper. Howard went shopping for school supplies for her children at the Walmart Supercenter in St. Joseph. When a man delivering Pepsi products collapsed, she immediately left her cart and belongings and went to his aid.

Comm. Oper. Howard determined the man was unresponsive and called 911. Emergency personnel gave her instructions over the phone, helping Comm. Oper. Howard administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the victim. She performed CPR for about 10 minutes until paramedics arrived and relieved her. The victim was transported to Mosaic Hospital. He responded to treatment and was released to recuperate at home after being hospitalized for nine days. Doctors told the victim's family that the initial first aid Comm. Oper. Howard provided saved the man's life.

Comm. Oper. Howard was recognized as the DPS Non-Sworn Employee of the Month for October 2019, at a ceremony held at Troop H Headquarters on November 6, 2019. At the ceremony Colonel Eric Olson stated, "You exemplify all the eight core values."

Great job, Abby!



*Col. Eric Olson, Q/SO, presents a superintendent's challenge coin to Comm. Oper. Abby Howard, Troop H.*

## MPA Recognizes Lt. Blankenship's Work In Polygraphy

*By Sgt. Shawn M. Griggs, Q/DDCC*

Lieutenant Darron F. Blankenship, Q/DDCC, accepted the Dick Arther Award at the Tri-State Polygraph Seminar in Nebraska in October 2019. This Missouri Polygraph Association award recognizes an individual who has advanced the polygraph profession through tireless dedication to standardize polygraph principles and practices or who has made significant contributions to the Missouri Polygraph Association. This aptly describes Lt. Blankenship, who has worked tirelessly to standardize the polygraph unit of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and been a valuable voice for the Missouri Polygraph Association.

In the past, the Patrol's polygraph examiners were trained by several different schools. Lt. Blankenship graduated from the Canadian Polygraph Academy and believed the Patrol would work more efficiently if all the polygraph examiners were on the same page. He researched and determined which training would have this result. But, he did not stop there. Lt. Blankenship knew the Patrol's pre-employment polygraph was utilized by other departments as a guideline. He also recognized that the Patrol's pre-employment



*(l) Lt. Darron Blankenship accepts the Dick Arther Award during the Tri-State Polygraph Seminar in Nebraska.*

examination needed to be updated. Thus, he sought out training and educated our examiners. Lt. Blankenship also explained to the command staff and human resources employees regarding why the changes were necessary and relevant.

Lt. Blankenship has been very active with Internet Crimes against Children examinations. He brought this specific polygraph training to the Patrol and all patrol examiners were trained in Sex Offense Screening polygraphs. The Patrol instituted a program with our road officers for the Interdiction

for the Protection of Children. Anytime a trooper finds someone they believe is involved with child pornography or human trafficking, an SOS polygraph is attempted on the subject. The success of this program has been instrumental in identifying sexual assault victims who otherwise would not have been identified. This program is now being utilized in other parts of the country because of our success.

In the last few years, Lt. Blankenship has ensured Patrol's equipment and training was updated, thus making our polygraph examiners that much more effective.

Lt. Blankenship is very active in the Missouri Polygraph Association, attending all meetings and attempting to improve polygraph across the state. He recently penned a paper on why Missouri should become a licensing state for polygraphs. Lt. Blankenship understands there are truth verifications systems being utilized in the state that are not accurate and that the polygraph is the only system backed by science and studies. He is truly passionate about the field of polygraph and wants to see this specialized tradecraft continue to grow.

Congratulations, Lt. Blankenship, on this well-deserved award!

# Troop F Honors Randy & Julie Nordman

*By Sgt. Scott White, Troop F*

On October 11, 2019, friends and family of Randy and Julie Nordman gathered at the Montgomery County Ambulance District building in New Florence, Missouri, to honor their valiant acts on March 8, 2016. It was time to award Honorary Trooper certificates that had been held awaiting proper disposition of the criminal proceedings associated with the Pablo Serrano-Vitorino case. On April 9, 2019, after Pablo Serrano-Vitorino was found deceased in his jail cell while awaiting those proceedings, details of their heroics were released.

Serrano-Vitorino had fled across Missouri on Interstate 70 after fatally shooting four people in Kansas City, KS, on March 7, 2016. He wandered upon the Nordman's rural property after his car became disabled the next morning, walking four miles and passing many other homes in the process. Randy was accosted in the garage by the suspect and fought for possession of a rifle. The fight ended with Randy's murder. Julie had taken cover in the attic that morning after hearing Randy yell out. She witnessed the struggle between Randy and the suspect from a window while relaying information to a 911 operator. The suspect evaded law enforcement for another 17 hours, hiding out in tall grass and using the



*Mrs. Julie Nordman is pictured with Sgts. Brooks McGinnis (l) and Greg Primm (r) after accepting an Honorary Trooper Certificate.*

rainy weather to his advantage, until he was apprehended near Interstate 70 and Highway 19 by Sergeant Greg D. Primm, Q/DDCC, and Sergeant R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A.

Noticeably absent at the ceremony was Randy Nordman, whose brave battle with Serrano-Vitorino on March 8, 2016, had resulted in the suspect losing his rifle's magazine, leaving him only one round of ammunition. Serrano-Vitorino used that one round to murder Randy.

Randy Nordman's award was presented to his parents, Bob and Vera Nordman, at the behest of his widow, Julie. Randy's sister, Vicki Skiles said, "We cannot tell you how much it means to us that you presented the award for Randy to our parents. The past three years have been very dif-

ficult to all of us, but especially our parents. Thank you to Troop F for all you have done for our family and especially Captain [Corey] Schoeneberg [Troop F] for recognizing the true character of Randy, our beloved son and brother."

The ceremony was bittersweet for Julie Nordman. "I didn't know whether to feel glad or sad," said Julie Nordman. "I was glad I wouldn't have to go to court and relive everything during a trial. I do feel justified. I feel that Randy's at peace now, because he (Serrano-Vitorino) is gone."

After the presentations and ceremony, the day concluded along a strip of grass between Interstate 70 and the

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*Several officers join Mr. Bob and Mrs. Vera Nordman in this photo after their late son, Randy, was named an Honorary Trooper in a special ceremony.*



## — Nordman

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*Mrs. Julie Nordman visits the place where Sgts. Brooks McGinnis (l) and Greg Primm took Pablo Serrano-Vitorino into custody.*

north outer road. It was here that Julie and other family members joined Sgts. Primm and McGinnis at the site where Serrano-Vitorino was taken into custody. Thanks to Randy's efforts, officers were not put in danger, as the suspect surrendered without further violence.

"We're proud of Randy for what he did to fight for himself, and we miss him terribly," said Randy's mother, Vera Nordman.

### Attempting To Locate

I am trying to locate the MSHP 50th Anniversary commemorative Smith & Wesson Model 66, .357 Magnum revolver with emblem and badge number #783 on the frame as well as the knife that was with it. If you know where this set is located, please contact me directly: Retired Sgt. Thomas Gray at 816-807-5305 or [tlgray255@hotmail.com](mailto:tlgray255@hotmail.com). There is a family connection to this weapon and we would like to locate it.

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 50 years ago

*January 1970* — Troop B reported that Tpr. L.P. Forrest found a wallet containing \$100 in cash. He investigated and located the owner, a resident of the state of Nevada. Tpr. Forrest forwarded the wallet and money to her and received a thank you note. She expressed her appreciation saying, "Now, my husband won't be able to throw losing my money in my face anymore." Troop F reported that while Sgt. Earl Walker was on desk duty, he assisted one caller by providing a secondary route around floodwaters. Apparently, the man made it to his destination: Two weeks later Sgt. Walker received a box with four official American League baseballs signed by Grover Resigner, the third base coach of the Detroit Tigers.

## 40 years ago

*February 1980* — Tpr. Steve J. Hinesly, Troop I, wrote about a DWI arrest. He responded to a traffic crash involving a drunk female. Her husband, known by local law enforcement for driving while intoxicated, happened upon the scene. The husband denied his wife was drunk and told Tpr. Hinesly he would prove it by administering the field sobriety test himself. The husband then instructed his wife to walk a straight line, turn around, and walk back. She agreed, took two steps and fell flat on her face. The man then looked at Tpr. Hinesly and told him, "Yep. She's drunk. Lock her up." He then thanked Tpr. Hinesly, told him where he needed the vehicle towed, and left ... after informing his wife the food at the jail wasn't too bad.

## 30 years ago

*January 1990* — DE II Debbie Thilman, Troop E, gave one of the shortest driving examinations in history. The 16-year-old applicant and DE II Thilman took a nose dive off the parking lot into a neighboring lawn at the Doniphan testing site. It seems in his nervousness the young man put his standard shift truck into first gear rather than reverse and hit the gas. The exam had to be repeated at a later date. DE I Thilman reported that since they were both wearing seat belts neither were physically injured. Although, the young man's ego was bruised.

## 20 years ago

*February 2000* — K-9 Rommel moved into the Safety Education Center as a display honoring the work of our K-9 teams. Other new displays provided insight into the Gaming Division, the dangers of methamphetamine, and the history of fingerprints. Troop D held the first-ever Community Alliance Program.

## 10 years ago

*January/February 2010* — The Patrol mourned the loss of Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard, who died in the line of duty on December 25, 2009. His photo graced the cover of this issue and several stories paid tribute. The 90th Recruit Class graduated. One story announced Tpr. Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G, Sgt. Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A, and Tpr. Andrew B. Ward, Troop D, each accepted a Missouri Medal of Honor from Governor Jay Nixon.

# West Plains Man Named Honorary Trooper

**By Sgt. Jeff R. Kinder, Troop G**

On October 29, Mr. Jeremy T. Adams, of West Plains, MO, accepted an Honorary Trooper certificate recognizing his actions at the scene of a traffic crash in Howell County. Captain Bruce D. Fiske, Troop G, presented the certificate at Troop G Headquarters. The Honorary Trooper certificate is presented to a nonemployee who performs in an exemplary manner, and under dangerous conditions, to aid another.

On June 30, 2019, troopers were called to an injury crash near U.S. Highway 160, west of West Plains, MO, in Howell County. As troopers responded to the crash scene, a thick plume of black smoke could be seen from over a mile away. Upon arrival, they saw several first responders on scene attempting to approach a crashed pickup truck. The truck was in a partially wooded area against a tree and engulfed in fire. Fire personnel directed the troopers to a man seated on the ground near a gate, indicating he was the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. The driver was



*Mr. Jeremy Adams and his family posed for this picture with Sgt. Jeff Kinder and Capt. Bruce Fiske after he accepted an Honorary Trooper Certificate.*

receiving care from another individual, Mr. Jeremy T. Adams.

Upon further investigation, it was discovered Mr. Adams responded to the site after being notified by his wife, who had driven up on the crash scene. He found the driver sitting upright in the cab, eyes open, but not responsive. The engine compartment was engulfed

in flames, and the cab would soon follow. After repeatedly attempting to get a response from the driver, Mr. Adams opened the pickup door and carried him across the wooded field to the gate where they were

found by first responders.

The driver was treated for dehydration and carbon monoxide poisoning at an area hospital. He had little recollection of the incident and was unaware he had been pulled from the burning vehicle by a good Samaritan. The quick and decisive actions of Mr. Adams averted a tragedy.

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## A Scratch At The Door ... CDL Examiner Helps Reunite Owner, Dog

**Submitted by Troop G**

On Tuesday, November 12, 2019, a puppy named Kaycee became lost just north of Willow Springs, MO. On that frigid day, CDL Examiner Kimberley V. Crewse, Troop G, heard scratching on her office door at the G1 East scale house. She found a canine visitor, who had traveled from Tennessee ... not by foot, but by means of a travel trailer.

The story began when John Hosmer, a 30-year Navy veteran, of Jackson, TN, stopped at G1 West to allow Kaycee to use the restroom. That is when Kaycee ran too far away from him and became lost. After the friendly pooch located CDL Exam. Crewse, she relentlessly surveyed the area in hopes of finding the owner. She noticed a travel trailer being pulled by

a Ford pickup across the two busy lanes of U.S. Highway 60. It had circled both scale houses, however, CDL Exam. Crewse could not gain the attention of the driver. She was unable to reach the owner by the telephone number, which was printed on Kaycee's collar.

CDL Exam. Crewse then asked for the assistance of a trooper. By this time, the Ford had left the area, traveling west on U.S. 60. The trooper contacted Mr. Hosmer, who then returned to the scale house where he was reunited with Kaycee. Mr. Hosmer was elated Kaycee had been located safely. As tears rolled down his cheeks, he explained that Kaycee belonged to



*CDL Exam. Kimberly Crewse helped reunite Kaycee with her owner, Mr. John Hosmer (l).*

him and his late wife, who had died nine years ago. He said Kaycee is the only thing he had left of his late wife, who he misses every day. Mr. Hosmer shared some very good advice about cherishing your loved ones while you can.

CDL Exam. Crewse, your character exceeds expectations and your compassion for other people and animals is a model for the Patrol and society as well. Thank you for your dedication to service.



# STUDENTS INVESTIGATE CAR BOMB AT COMPETITION

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

The Constitution Project 2019 state competition went off with a bang courtesy of the Patrol's Bomb Squad. This year's crime scene involved a car bomb courtesy of Drug and Crime Control employees. The four school teams competing met at the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course and, as planned, heard the car explode on the bomb range at the Ike Skelton Training Site in Jefferson City, MO.

Each team was then taken to the bomb range to investigate. Sergeant Jeff L. White, Q/DDCC, was waiting for them to serve as a technical advisor and answer their questions. Sergeant Mike A. Cunningham, Q/DDCC, set off the charges to start the competition. Sgt. Darrin R. Haslag, Q/DDCC, who was responsible for bringing the many parts of the event together, would serve as the suspect located near the scene and interviewed. DDCC employees also arranged witnesses with different stories and planned a victim who survived because he used his vehicle's remote start.

It was a little tricky, making sure each investigating team had identical pieces of evidence. "We came up with four identical devices and blew each device up in a way that the teams could salvage evidence items," said Sgt. White. "We compared the evidence

*Members of the Patrol's Bomb Squad created a car bomb scenario for the Constitution Project's state finals in October 2019.*

pieces and chose four sets of identical pieces. At the conclusion of the scenario, we brought the intact device up to show the teams what they were working toward."

Sgt. White said each time the scenario was repeated, the students first met with Captain John J. Hotz, Q/PIED, at the EVOC. "We had a key phrase that told us when to detonate an explosive charge," said Sgt. White. "Then the team would go to the scene and investigate."

The four groups of student investigators would need to seize video evidence and pieces of evidence from the explosion. They had to sort through the witnesses contradicting statements and deal with a group of students acting as reporters.



"Many of the groups were a little overwhelmed by the scope of the scene at first," said Sgt. White. "But, they all settled in and did a good job. It was fun for us."

"The competition went well," said Sgt. Cunningham. "The crime scene was a great experience for the students as well as for us."

The competition took place over two days, Monday, November 18, and Wednesday, November 20, 2019. All the investigating took place on Monday and the mock trial occurred on Wednesday. (Student reporters were active both days.) The Lebanon High School team took first place in crime scene investigation. The overall winner was Republic High School.

## Mizzou Football Detail: 2019 Review

- Patrol detail included an officer-in-charge, assistant officer-in-charge, a radio operator, 42 troopers assigned to outside traffic detail, and 24 troopers assigned to the inside detail.
- The Patrol assumed responsibility for the visiting team escort in 2019.
- 2,960 hours and 15 minutes worked on the traffic detail, including drive time.
- 1,115 hours and 45 minutes worked by the officers assigned to the inside detail.
- 379,119 (season) and 54,160 (average per home game) attendees
- 47 attendees were ejected and 24 arrests (six inside the stadium; 18 outside of the stadium) during home games.
- Seven lost children located and returned to their families.
- Officers with the Boone County Sheriff's Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Columbia Police Department, University of Missouri Police Department, and representatives from local fire and EMS assisted.

# 108<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class: Dedicated To The State

By Lt. Mark A. Bielawski, Q/TND

The sound of “Hail, hail state patrol. King of the road don’t you know,” echoed loudly and proudly as the 31 members of the 108th Recruit Class marched into the Academy gymnasium ready to take their place among one of the most elite police organizations in the nation. They arrived at the Training Academy on July 1, 2019, as individuals with only a vague idea of what was in store for them. On December 20, 2019, they acted as one, united in purpose and equipped with the skills and abilities to carry on an 88-year tradition of Service and Protection. Twenty-five weeks of intense training culminated in this moment: The right to be called a Missouri state trooper.

Pastor Crystal Karr, United Methodist Church, and wife of soon-to-be Trooper Charles D. Karr, gave the invocation, asking God to watch over the new troopers and keep them safe should danger come their way. The Troop F Color Guard (Corporal Bryan H. Salmons, Trooper Brandon L. Harris, Trooper Rick R. Dowd, Trooper Tim C. Fick) presented the colors, and



*The 108th Recruit Class made a grand entrance to the graduation ceremony.*

Sergeant Andy A. Henry, Troop H, sang the national anthem with a strong and impassioned voice.

A special guest speaker, Department of Public Safety Director Sandra K. Karsten, addressed the 108th Recruit Class, telling them the state of Missouri is blessed to have them. She then reminded each of them that, “One thing is certain, the years will go by quickly. Cherish each one.” Director Karsten then said, “Never tarnish what the uniform represents. Never underestimate what you can accomplish by applying your training and never take for granted what it means to be a Missouri state trooper.”

Mr. Mike Kelly, the “Voice of the Missouri Tigers,” provided the keynote address. Mr. Kelly thanked the 108th Recruit Class on behalf of all the citizens of Missouri for their service to the state.

“To each one of you: I want you to know that I am honored to be in your presence to-

day,” he said. He told the audience his profound respect for law enforcement came at a very young age, as he is the nephew of the late Lieutenant Colonel William A. Dolan, who joined the Highway Patrol as a member of the 8th Recruit Class in 1947. Lt. Col. Dolan retired on March 1, 1977. “As you know, times have changed since the members of the recruit class of 1947 took their oath. They were viewed with immediate respect. Back then, the local trooper was as well-known as the local doctor. Today, you will have to earn the respect of the citizens you will protect and serve. How do you do that? My uncle would tell you ethics, integrity, and attitude are among your most valuable assets ... because each of these are things that you control.” Mr. Kelly closed his remarks by telling the class to never stop learning and to challenge themselves to learn and grow each day.

The Honorable Mary Rhodes-Russell administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers, and Dean Roger K. McMillian, vice-president of college affairs at Mineral Area College, conferred associate degrees to six of them. As the emcee of the proceed-

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*Mr. Mike Kelly served as keynote speaker during the ceremony.*



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ings, Captain Jerry C. West, Q/TND, told the troopers, "It hasn't been easy, but nothing worth having is."

After presenting diplomas to each of the new troopers and waiting for the thunderous applause to subside, Colonel Eric T. Olson, Q/SO, addressed the class. In addition to welcoming them to the Patrol family, he reminded the audience that the new troopers wouldn't be here if not for their parents and grandparents, who, "set a foundation for them, that would allow them to be successful in this training environment."

Col. Olson talked about the significance of the "Blue Line" that was used on the challenge coin created by the class, as well as the one displayed on his office wall honoring the 31 fallen troopers. "May the blue line serve as a constant reminder that all that you do, on and off duty, reflects not only on you, but on those who wear the same uniform, those that wear other uniforms, your families, the citizens of Missouri, and those officers and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice for public safety."

Four awards were presented during the graduation ceremony. Trooper Eric M. Clark II earned the physical fitness award. Trooper John L. Colwell earned the firearms award. Trooper Kainen M. Nance earned the academic award. The Superintendent's Award, which is presented to the person with the most overall points in all categories, went to Trooper Olivia G. Imhoff.

Traditionally, the class commander addresses their classmates at the graduation. Newly commissioned Tpr. Clark spoke to the class about the importance of their actions, and how they reflect positively or negatively on the profession of law enforcement. Tpr. Clark told the class, "Never fail to remember that your family, which includes your fraternity of fellow officers, will remain one of your greatest assets ... Never compromise your integrity, for if you lose it, it will be impossible to restore."

Congratulations to the 108th Recruit Class!!

Listed below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 108th Recruit Class:

### Name/Hometown/First Assignment

*Tristan R. Adelman*, Osage Beach, MO, Troop I, Zone 4, Pulaski/Maries Counties

*Bryce A. Alcorn*, Piedmont, MO, Troop C, Zone 5, South St. Louis County

*Micah G. Bennett*, Versailles, MO, Troop C, Zone 2, North St. Louis County

*Luke N. Boff*, Branson, MO, Troop A, Zone 14, Bates County

*Travis W. Burris*, Jefferson City, MO, Troop C, Zone 7, Warren County

*Eric M. Clark II*, St. Louis, MO, Troop C, Zone 1, North St. Louis County

*John L. Colwell*, Maryville, MO, Troop A, Zone 2, Platte County

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*Michael Frazier-Hires*, Sedalia, MO, Troop C, Zone 4, South St. Louis County

*Kennan M. Harrison*, Joplin, MO, Troop I, Zone 5, Laclede County

*David L. Holliday III*, Centralia, MO, Troop C, Zone 9, St. Charles County

*Zachary S. Horrell*, Cape Girardeau, MO, Troop B, Zone 6, Scotland/Clark Counties

*Olivia G. Imhoff*, Boonville, MO, Troop F, Zone 9, Montgomery County

*Dontai O. Johnson*, Chicago, IL, Troop C, Zone 9, St. Charles County

*Charles D. Karr*, Maysville, MO, Troop A, Zone 3, Clay County

*Clay R. Knox*, Wentzville, MO, Troop C, Zone 8, St. Charles County

*Austin J. Leroux*, Doniphan, MO, Troop C, Zone 3, South St. Louis County

*Caleb C. Marlow*, Iberia, MO, Troop C, Zone 11, Franklin County,

*Thadeus E. McVeigh*, Columbia, MO, Troop C, Zone 14, St. Francois/Washington Counties

*Ethan R. Mulkey*, Bixby, OK, Troop A, Zone 2, Platte County

*Kainen M. Nance*, Lamar, MO, Troop A, Zone 14, Bates County

*Zachary L. Ogg*, Wellington, CO, Troop C, Zone 7, Warren County

*Addie D. Pogue*, Farmington, MO, Troop C, Zone 14, St. Francois/Washington Counties

*Noah Schuetz*, Goreville, IL, Troop C, Zone 11, Franklin County

*James D. Scrivens*, St. Joseph, MO, Troop A, Zone 4, Clay County

*Adam R. Shipley*, Jackson, MO, Troop E, Zone 12, Madison/Iron Counties

*Brady Shows*, Bettendorf, IA, Troop A, Zone 14, Bates County

*Shelby W. Wulser*, Concordia, MO, Troop C, Zone 1, North St. Louis County

# CALEA Conference Provides New Ideas

**By Admin. Analyst I Jessica S. Mealy, Q/RDD**

I was given the privilege of accompanying several co-workers to the CALEA Conference in Covington, KY. The Missouri State Highway Patrol was honored with the CALEA Accreditation award during the committee hearing on Saturday, November 16, 2019. This marks the ninth consecutive time Patrol has earned the award. During the committee hearing, Lieutenant Colonel Malik A. Henderson, Q/ASO, answered questions regarding areas in which the Patrol excels, such as the fleet management and the mentorship programs.

It was a great opportunity to highlight the agency's amazing programs. The Patrol can sell vehicles from the fleet for a higher return on investment, allowing our personnel to operate new or nearly new vehicles. The mentorship program allows a recruit to have access to a seasoned officer who can answer questions, provide guidance, and give emotional support during their time in the recruit process. The committee hearing ended with high praises for the department on the great programs that are being utilized and a job well done for the four-year review of the CALEA Accreditation process.

The conference also gave me the opportunity to network with other state agencies and learn about their training

practices and different policy formats. I am always on the lookout for new and innovative ways to update current practices and policy formats within the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The conference offered many different workshops geared toward daily practices I use as an administrative analyst in the Research and Development Division. I work daily with different Patrol divisions to collect proofs of compliance demonstrating that the Patrol follows all the standards established by CALEA.

The other added benefit was the one-on-one training with the PowerDMS representatives. My division uses PowerDMS daily for the accreditation process. The system has the capability to run policy management and to show a document's lifecycle (creating, review-

ing, approving, publishing, archiving). The system is also used for the proofs of compliance needed for the four-year accreditation cycle. I walked away from the conference with new and exciting ideas I was eager to bring back and test against our current practices. My goal is to make the policy and forms review process more user friendly and more efficient.



*(l to r) CALEA Commissioner Anthony Purcell, Lt. Col. Malik Henderson, Q/ASO, Admin. Analyst I Jessica Mealy, Q/RDD, Sgt. Tom Walley, Q/RDD, Capt. Rex Scism, Q/RDD (now retired), and CALEA Exec. Dir. Craig Hartley pose for this picture after the committee hearing where the Patrol was awarded accreditation for the ninth time.*

## Crim. Analyst Lage Recognized For Service To Operation HOPE

**By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED**

Criminal Intelligence Analyst I Shelby L. Lage, Q/DDCC, accepted the Department of Public Safety November 2019 Non-Sworn Employee of the Month award. She was recognized at a reception on November 26, 2019, at General Headquarters. Captain Ryan A. Burckhardt welcomed everyone and invited Shelby to introduce her family. Major Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/CIB, then shared the nomination.

At the time she was nominated, Shelby was working as a criminal intelligence analyst assigned to the Missouri Information and Analysis Center. The nomination described her incredible work ethic, attention to detail, and

*Crim. Intel. Analyst Shelby Lage, accepts the November 2019 DPS Non-Sworn Employee of the Month from Deputy Director Kenny Jones, DPS, and Col. Eric Olson.*

dedication during the 2019 Operation HOPE (Helping Oppressed People Escape) last summer. Operation HOPE was a three-day statewide effort to ensure the safety and well-being of Missouri foster children. More than 100 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers, and members of other organizations, were involved in this massive effort that located and re-



covered 23 runaways, rescuing many from abhorrent conditions.

Shelby voluntarily traveled across the state to serve as on the Operation HOPE team. She was always among the first to arrive at the operation com-

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mand posts and did not leave until operations concluded for the night. She worked with a large number of investigative teams, and fielded requests for information and leads on all the cases. Throughout Operation HOPE, Shelby was calm, professional, and highly organized. She ensured all follow-up work was completed and everyone got the care and attention they deserved.

"I know you're proud of this accomplishment," said Major Eberhard. "I want to personally thank you for your work at MIAC and DDCC. You are a good representative of the Patrol."

Colonel Eric T. Olson presented Shelby with a superintendent's coin. "Operation HOPE took a lot of commitment from all the agencies involved and especially you. You've seen the Patrol from different perspectives working in MVI, MIAC, and DDCC. I've always heard good things about your work. Congratulations."

Deputy Director Kenny Jones, DPS, presented a plaque and congratulated her. "It's good to see departments working together. It was amazing to see what you accomplished over the three days of Operation HOPE."

"You represented yourself and MIAC well, and we appreciate that," Capt. Burckhardt said.

"Lt. [Darron F.] Blankenship nominated you, but couldn't be here. He congratulates you and was very happy you were there for those three days," said Captain Paul D. Kerperin, Q/DDCC. "Shelby has an extreme passion for the missing and abused. I was not surprised to see her succeed in her assignment. I was very pleased to steal her from Ryan and have her back in DDCC. Congratulations, Shelby."

Thank you, Shelby, for your outstanding work to protect Missouri's children! Congratulations!

## Missouri Hosts National 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Kickoff

**By Sgt. Andy J. Bell, Troop A**

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign was launched at the Liberty Memorial World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Region 7 Operations, Mrs. Susan DeCourcy hosted the event. Special guests and speakers included Acting Administrator James Owens (NHTSA), Colonel Eric T. Olson (MSHP), Secretary Julie Lorenz (KDoT), and National Law Enforcement Initiatives Manager/retired Colonel Ron Replogle (MADD/MSHP). Several state and local law enforcement agencies from both Missouri and Kansas attended the event, showing their support of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. Additionally, the Patrol's Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Van and the Bell 407 Helicopter were on display on the south lawn of Liberty Memorial with other police vehicles, including the new Platte County (Missouri) Sheriff's Office Choose Your Ride vehicle. The various law enforcement equipment was available for members of the media and other guests to view.

During the press conference, Acting Admin. Owens stated, "For the second year in a row, we are accompanying our alcohol-impaired messages with our drug-impaired messages. If you feel different, you drive different. Drive high, get a DUI."

Reminding people that several prescription medications come with a label warning people not to operate heavy machinery, Owens said, "Heavy machinery includes your 4,000-pound vehicle."

Col. Olson thanked NHTSA for choosing Missouri to kickoff the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over nationwide campaign. The colonel stated the Missouri State Highway Patrol joins safety professionals and all local law enforcement in support of this campaign. "We will work together to eliminate impaired drivers from our roadways. The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign kick off is today, but make no mistake, this is not a new campaign and it's not a short campaign. For every law enforcement officer in Missouri, the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign is part of every assignment, every day of their career."

Retired Col. Replogle spoke on behalf of MADD and all the victims of crashes caused by impaired drivers. He dedicated his remarks to his friend and Patrol Academy classmate, Corporal Michael Webster, who was killed in the line of duty on October 2, 1993, after being struck by a drunk driver during a traffic stop. Cpl. Webster's widow, Mrs. Kathey Webster, was in the audience holding a picture of her husband in remembrance of his sacrifice. Ret. Col. Replogle closed his remarks with the MADD's mantra, "No More Victims."



*Col. Eric Olson speaks during the national press conference to kickoff the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. This year, NHTSA chose Missouri for the event.*



*This display was part of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign kickoff at the World War I Museum in Kansas City, MO.*

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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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## **Steve J. Childers**

Sergeant  
Troop I

*Retired October 1, 2019.  
24 years, nine months  
of dedicated service.*



## **Geoff L. Borlinghaus**

Sergeant  
Q/GSD

*Retired December 1, 2019.  
27 years, 11 months  
of dedicated service.*



## **Steve J. Frisbie**

Lieutenant  
Q/CJISD

*Retired December 1, 2019.  
26 years, four months  
of dedicated service.*



## **Theresa M. Backes**

Special Assistant  
Q/HRD

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
46 years, four months  
of dedicated service.*

## **Rick E. Buttram**

Lieutenant  
Q/RDD

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
33 years, five months  
of dedicated service.*



## **Craig D. Haugen**

Chief Technician  
Q/CommD

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
33 years, 11 months  
of dedicated service.*



## **Art F. Leason**

Criminal Intel. Analyst II  
Q/MIAC

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
10 years of dedicated service.*



## **Greg P. Martin**

Sergeant  
Q/DDCC

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
29 years, six months  
of dedicated service.*



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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Ron V. Meade**  
Corporal  
Q/GD

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
29 years, six months  
of dedicated service.*



**Georgia A. Rosemann**  
DE III  
Troop C

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
Five years, three months  
of dedicated service.*



**Rex M. Scism**  
Captain  
Q/RDD

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
26 years, five months  
of dedicated service.*



**Kevin J. Summers**  
CVI III  
Troop C

*Retired January 1, 2020.  
10 years, one month  
of dedicated service.*

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## **MO-PCIS Seminar Provides Support, Training**

***By Lt. Phil W. Morrison, Q/HRD***

In October 2019, the Missouri State Highway Patrol hosted the first Missouri Post Critical Incident Seminar (MO-PCIS) in Missouri's history. Approximately 47 first responders and spouses/significant others from various departments across the state attended the event as participants. MO-PCIS is a three-day, intensive, therapeutic seminar for personnel experiencing negative health (mental, physical, social, and spiritual) symptoms related to highly traumatic events, such as officer-involved shootings, line of duty deaths, child fatalities, etc. The seminar is based upon a

model utilized by a dozen other states in the Eastern U.S. and was designed with the help of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program.

The MO-PCIS was facilitated by a group of Missouri State Highway Patrol peer team members and assisted by five out-of-state peers from South Carolina, Virginia, and Texas. A number of physical and mental health professionals from the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Missouri Coalition for Behavioral Health, Community Mental Health Liaisons, and private practitioners from across Missouri provided support and training

for all attendees. Volunteers provided additional support services such as cooking lunch and dinner each day for the roughly 100 attendees. The Grace Community Assembly Church in Branson, MO, donated space for the event as well as onsite support.

Lieutenant Philip W. Morrison, Q/HRD, along with Dr. Jeanette Simmons of the Missouri Department of Mental Health and retired FBI Special Agent Ron Davenport (Texas) codirected the event. For more information about MO-PCIS and future seminars, see [www.motrooper.com/PCIS](http://www.motrooper.com/PCIS).

# ANNUAL TOY DRIVES BRIGHTEN HOLIDAYS, HONOR HEROES

## Cpl. John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. Toy Drive

**By Tpr. Sam D. Carpenter, Troop D**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health, PolyFab, and Murphy-Hoffman Company (MHC) joined the citizens they serve to make the 13th Annual Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. Toy Drive a huge success. The toy collection, which began on November 29 and concluded on December 18, 2019, resulted in an overwhelming response regarding the number of donated toys.

The annual toy drive honors Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr., who died in the line of duty on August 17, 2005, while brightening the holiday for children forced to spend the Christmas season in the hospital. Troopers, along with the Jay Sampietro family and representatives from the Children's Miracle Network and Krispy Kreme

Doughnuts, personally delivered a portion of the donated toys to the children in the Cox Health Pediatric Unit in Springfield. There were 18 children of all ages in the unit this year. All the kids had a great time and were excited about receiving a fun toy and some delicious donuts. Several of the children were equally as impressed with all the troopers coming to see them. (The remaining toys were given to the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health for future distribution.)

"It's my commitment to Jay that I will always keep his memory, and his love and life will always live through me and the boys," said Mrs. Sampietro-Zacher. "I think the toy drive



(l to r) Lt. David Sater, Troop D, Tpr. Sam Carpenter, Troop D, Capt. John Enderle, Troop D, Mr. Will Sampietro, and Sgt. Todd Zacher, Troop D, enjoyed a visit with this youngster.

helps during the holidays, because it keeps their dad in Christmas. It also shows the boys the art of giving and it's something good that came out of something bad."

## Tpr. James M. Bava Toy Drive

**By Sgt. Scott B. White, Troop F**

Trooper James Bava's mother, Alyce, said the idea came from James' older sister, Katie. She remembered that James had won a \$100 gift card to Toys 'R Us when he was nine years old, and used it to buy toys from the store, which he donated to the Salvation Army.

"James loved kids and loved toys, and it's a real honor for us to have something as tangible a toy collection in his honor," Mrs. Bava said.

This toy drive is held in October to commemorate James' birthday on October 23. Mrs. Bava drives around to the troops to deliver a birthday cake and collect the toys. The toys are delivered to Children's Hospital in St. Louis, and Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, to be distributed to children throughout the year.



Clerk Typist III Kimberly Klass, Clerk Typist II Matt Dezan, Tpr. Steven Washabaugh, Sgt. John Sellers, Tpr. Tye DeCramer, Lt. Chris Harris, Lt. Brandon White, Clerk Typist I Chloe Weston, Admin. Office Support Asst. Tammy Mahaney, Spec. Asst. Dee Kempker (now Q/CIB), Capt. Corey Schoeneberg, and Mrs. Alyce Bava are pictured with toys donated by Troop F employees.

## Tpr. Michael L. Newton Toy Drive

**By Sgt. Andy J. Bell, Troop A**

On December 13, 2019, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Kansas Highway Patrol (troopers and radio operators) delivered hundreds of toys to the University of Kansas Medical Center, in Kansas City, KS, and the Ronald McDonald House, in Kansas City, MO. Toys were collected for several weeks leading up to this event in memory of Trooper Michael L. Newton, who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2003. This toy drive provides several toys and other joyous items to the many children who are hospitalized during the holidays. In addition to delivering toys, a meal is prepared and served at the Ronald McDonald House to the children and their families. Significant sponsors such as Murphy-Hoffman Company, Summit Homes of Lee's Summit, Midwest Elite Academy, Molle Chevrolet, CRES Management, LLC., and many more contributed toys, money, time, and effort. Without the overwhelming support of the community, this annual toy drive wouldn't be as successful as it is.



A patient at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, KS, enjoyed meeting troopers who were delivering toys. Pictured are (l to r, back row) Tpr. David Smith, Tpr. Zachary Davidson, Sgt. Bill Lowe; (l to r middle row) KHP Tpr. Candice Breshears, KHP Tpr. Tiffany Bush, and Lt. Jason M. Pace.



# Deaths

## William J. Boes



William John "Bill" Boes, 86, of Jefferson City, died Tuesday, October 29, 2019, St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City. He was born in Luystown, MO. He graduated from St. Peter High School in 1950. Bill served in the United States Army from January 1953 to January 1955 and in the US Army Reserves. He worked in the soft water industry for 25 years and worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 13 years, retiring in 1997 as a maintenance manager. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Norma Jean Boes, of Jefferson City, five children, 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Immaculate Conception Endowment Fund, 1206 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City, MO 65101; Hospice Compassus, 600 Monroe St., Suite 100, Jefferson

City, MO 65101; or to the Samaritan Center, 1310 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City, MO 65101. To learn more about Bill, visit the Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home website <https://www.dulletrimble.com/obituaries/William-John-Boes?obId=8472544#/celebrationWall>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Boes family.

## William R. Lowry



William Raymond "Bill" Lowry, 66, of Jefferson City, died Saturday, November 9, 2019, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City, MO. He was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Bill graduated from North Mahaska High School in New Sharon, Iowa, in 1971. He graduated from Truman State University in 1975 with a degree in crimi-

nal justice. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in November 1975, as a member of the 45th Recruit Class. He served in Troop C, Zone 7, Pike and Lincoln counties, for 16 years. He then transferred to the Research & Development Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, in February 1992, where he remained until his retirement in 2013. After retirement, Bill worked part-time as a civilian employee in the same division. He retired from his part-time position in August 2019. Bill is survived by his wife of 43 years, Valerie Lowry, of Jefferson City, four children, four grandchildren, one brother, one sister, several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society); World Hope International; Sister of St. Mary's Charities; or to a charity of the donor's choice. To read more about Bill, visit the Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home website <https://www.dulletrimble.com/obituaries/William-Raymond-Bill-Lowry?obId=8841383>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Lowry family.

## Darryl L. Eckhoff



Darryl Lee Eckhoff, 81, of DeLeon Springs, FL, died December 14, 2019, at Brookdale ALF in DeLand, FL. He was born at home on a farm south of Knob Noster, MO. Darryl served four

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## You're Invited

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at the Holiday Inn - Executive Center, 2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, Missouri. The awards banquet is open to all The MASTERS members, MSHP employees, and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$40 per person and we anticipate the same for this year. The banquet usually starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner immediately following, and then the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact Desig. Prin. Asst. Mary Redel at (573) 526-6159 or [mary.redel@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:mary.redel@mshp.dps.mo.gov).

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years in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps, and was stationed in France for three years. He earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Drury College, in Springfield, MO. Darryl was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1965, as a member of the 29th Recruit Class. He retired as a sergeant in 1995, after 30 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 53 years (Marlein), and two brothers. He is survived by one brother, two sisters-in-law, and nieces and nephews. To learn more about Darryl, visit the Allen Summerhill Funeral Home website <https://www.allensummerhillfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Darryl-Eckhoff/#!/Obituary>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Eckhoff family.

## Joe B. Snider



Joe B. Snider, 86, died Sunday, December 22, 2019, in the Missouri Veterans Home, Mt. Vernon, MO. Joe graduated from Central High School in Springfield, MO, in 1951. He served in the Army for two years in Colorado and Korea. He then built and sold homes. Joe was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner in 1963, and retired in 1994, after 31 years of dedicated service. He

is survived by his wife, Delena, nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to C.A.R.E., PO Box 215, Aurora, MO 65605 or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To learn more about Joe, visit the Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home website <https://www.gormanscharpf.com/obituary/joe-snider>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Snider family.

## Richard W. King



Richard W. King, 78, of Fulton, MO, died Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

His sons and daughter-in-law were by his side. He graduated from Jefferson City Senior High School in Jefferson City, MO, in 1959. He served this nation proudly in the United States Air Force from 1962 until 1966, and the Missouri Air National Guard from 1980 until 1988. Richard was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1966 until 1998, being assigned to Kirkwood, Jefferson City, and Poplar Bluff. He retired in 1998 as the chief telecommunications engineer at Troop E, Poplar Bluff. Richard is survived by two sons, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Memorial donations are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital, c/o Maupin Funeral Home, 301 Douglas Boulevard, Fulton, MO 65251. To learn more about Richard, visit the Maupin Funeral Home website at <https://www.maupinfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Richard-Wayne-King?obId=10320869>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the King family.

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Cpl. Charles L. Pleasant (C) - grandfather  
Ret. Capt. Johnnie B. Hoggatt - father-in-law  
Sgt. Dennis W. Rainey (E) - brother  
Ret. Sgt. W. Archie Dunn - son  
Chief Tech. Michael M. Ewers (Q/CommD) - father-in-law  
Tpr. R. Jayson Hastings (A) - grandfather  
Desig. Princ. Asst. Cindy A. Scheidt (Q/SO) - mother-in-law  
Chief Tech. Bill J. Brester (Q/CommD) - brother

Retired CVO II Jim W. Bandy - grandson  
Retired CO III David C. Moyers - son  
Ret. Sgt. Bob E. Proctor - brother-in-law  
Tpr. Tyler C. Fuller (B) - wife's great-grandfather  
Asst. Chief Oper Paula J. Price (F) - husband  
Ret. Buyer II Lola J. Parris - husband  
Tpr. Travis E. Bigler (A) - mother  
Cpl. Clay D. Moeller (A) - father  
Capt. Scott A. Shippers (A) - father  
Ret. DE Sprv. Virginia F. Fenton - husband



# ~Thank You~

My family and I would like to thank you ALL for the many prayers, cards, donations, and expressions of sympathy following the lengthy hospital stay and death of my infant grandson. I would personally like to thank everyone that attended little Beckett's funeral services. Your presence was so appreciated and will always be remembered. The support shown by my Patrol family has been truly overwhelming.

*Sincerely,  
Comm. Oper. III Lori K. Downey,  
Troop B*

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My family and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness show to us on the passing of my husband, retired Sergeant Bill Lowry. We truly appreciate the cards & letters, prayers, and comfort we received from current and retired employees of the Patrol. We want to thank now retired Captain Rex Scism for his words honoring Bill at the memorial. Also, thank you to the members who served on the Honor Guard for visitation and memorial. Thank you, Ser-

geant Jeff Coulson, Q/RDD, for helping us get some details accomplished. God bless everyone who supported us. You will always be in our hearts.

*Mrs. Valerie Lowry & children  
(Jill, Rebecca, Brennan, and Kristin)  
Chief Comm. Tech. Mike M. Ewers, Q/CommD (son-in-law)*

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the calls, prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy following the death of my father, Larry Shippers. A special thanks to all those who attended the visitation and funeral service. The thoughtfulness and support my family received from the Patrol family is greatly appreciated. Thanks again and God bless.

*Captain Scott A. Shippers, Troop A*

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Words cannot properly express my appreciation for the outpouring of sympathy and support following the death of my husband, Mel. The kindness and concern shown to me and my children

by my Patrol family will never be forgotten.

*Asst. Chief Oper. Paula J. Price,  
Troop F*

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We would like to thank the Patrol family for the prayers and support given to our family during the death of our grandmother/mother-in-law/mother, Marie. We have always felt the Patrol is a big family and in times such as this it really shows. Thank you.

*Tpr. Allison R. Enderle, Troop F  
Capt. John M. & Section Chief Lori K. Enderle, Troop D and Q/CommD*

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Following the recent death of my mother, Mary Lou Meyer, my family and I would like to thank everyone for their words of sympathy, prayers, and flowers. We are deeply touched by the kindness shown by our Patrol family. Your support gave great comfort and was very much appreciated during this difficult time.

*Ret. CVI Sprv. Jeffrey Meyer & family*

## Total Wellness Program Encourages Healthier Lifestyle

### *From The MoDOT/MSHP Total Wellness Facebook Page*

The MODOT & MSHP Total Wellness program has been in existence since 2014. The program boasts a variety of health initiatives and activities designed to encourage and support a healthier lifestyle for you and your family. The committee, the troop "champions," and our Anthem coordinator Marissa Juenger strive to increase the number of our employees who participate in our wellness programs throughout the year with financial incentives and giveaways.

If you have questions about the program or ways to improve participation please contact your champion! We are open to suggestions. The program is open to active employees, non-Medi-

care retirees, and spouse's enrolled in the MODOT and MSHP Medical Plan through Anthem BCBS. Feel free to contact your troop "champion" or committee representative listed below.

#### **Champions**

Troop A — Clerk Typist III Emily T. Rimel  
Troop B — Trooper Amanda F. Sapp  
Troop C — Lieutenant Kevin W. Malugen & Clerk Typist III Janis A. Leesmann  
Troop D — Chief Commercial Vehicle Officer Michelle A. Horn  
Troop E — Communications Operator III Darin A. Stevens  
Troop F — Administrative Office Support Assistant Tammy S. Mahaney

Troop G — Trooper Cole P. Chatman  
Troop H — Communications Operator II Lauren K. Clausen  
Troop I — Clerk Typist III Jessica L. Curtis  
GHQ — Clerk Typist III Brittney N. Walters

#### **Committee Members**

Clerk Typist III Allison L. West, Q/HRD, Accounting Generalist II Stacia A. Boyum, Q/BPD, Computer Information Technology Specialist I Tyler H. Plassmeyer, Q/CJIS, and Lieutenant Mike A. Petlansky, Q/WPD

*Additional information can be found on the MODOT & MSHP Total Wellness Facebook page, the Patrol's Intranet under Employee Information/Employee Benefits, or on MoDOT's website: <https://www.modot.org/total-wellness>.*

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*Session #3 of Police Leadership - West Point Model graduated Friday, November 8, 2019. The class of 34 students included several troops and divisions, along with three from the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco. After photos and certificates, Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Patrol, congratulated the class. "Thank you for your commitment to be here," he said. "This is very important training for our agency's culture." He then encouraged the class to apply the training, saying, "Please, go. Do." Congratulations to Session #3 of PL-WPM!!*